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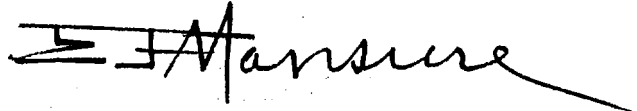
SUBJECT: Survey of Government Microfilming Operations

1. Purpose. This Circular announces a management survey of Government microfilming operations. The survey will be conducted by Records Engineering, Inc., under the authority granted the Administrator of General Services by section 505(c) of the Federal Records Act of 1950 to make surveys of records management practices.
2. Objectives. The survey, which will determine the need for and the efficiency and cost of microfilming operations carried on by Federal agencies, has as its objectives:
  - a. Government-wide standardized procedures.
  - b. More effective equipment use and improved space utilization.
  - c. Reduced costs for microfilm operations.
3. Scope of Survey. The survey will review such matters as:
  - a. The specific types of records which are being microfilmed.
  - b. The validity of the determinations to microfilm specific types of records.
  - c. The efficiency and cost of typical individual microfilm projects.
  - d. Current standards for microfilming and the need for modification thereof.
4. Method of Survey. All agencies will be requested by questionnaire to furnish data concerning their microfilming operations. In addition, a sample number of microfilm projects will be visited to review operations in progress and to study the results of completed programs. These visits will be arranged for in advance with appropriate officials of the agencies concerned.

It has been agreed that Records Engineering, Inc., subject to security requirements, will have full access to Government microfilm operations and records as required in connection with the survey. Each representative of Records Engineering, Inc., who participates in the survey will be subject to proper security clearance.

Information may be requested on such matters as policies, practices, methods, staffing, rates of compensation, and work layouts. The survey will cover microfilming, whether done by Government employees or by contract.

5. Action Required. Heads of agencies are requested to instruct the appropriate officials of their agencies to cooperate in any way possible with representatives of Records Engineering, Inc., in furthering the objectives of this survey.



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